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## City of Wylie Named Gold Fit-Friendly Worksite

**Wylie, TX, February 10, 2014** – The City of Wylie has been named a Fit-Friendly Worksite by the American Heart Association (AHA) for the second year in a row. The City was recognized during the AHA Dallas Fit-Friendly Symposium hosted by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas on January 5.

The Fit-Friendly program recognizes employers who go above and beyond by championing the health of their employees and working to create a culture of physical activity and health in the workplace. Gold Fit-Friendly Worksites are selected through an application process and must fulfill criteria including offering employees physical activity support, increased healthy eating options at work, and promotion of a wellness culture.

The City of Wylie has placed an emphasis on workplace mental, physical and financial health through a variety of programs, activities and seminars, including: monthly lunch and learn programs featuring doctors, personal trainers and health care professionals; participation in the Walk Across Texas fitness program; an employee health fair featuring biometric testing and flu shots; free memberships to the Wylie Recreation Center; annual vascular sonograms; monthly wellness articles in the employee newsletter; and Recreation Center programs like black light Zumba.

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According to the AHA poor diet and lack of exercise are responsible for at least 25% of healthcare costs incurred by working adults. AHA research shows that for every \$1 invested in worksite wellness, companies can receive up to \$3 in return by overall lower healthcare costs and increased productivity.

More information on Fit-Friendly Worksites can be found at www.startwalkingnow.org. For questions and details on Wylie's program, please contact Rhonda Amos, Benefits and Recruiting Specialist, 972-516-6050, or email rhonda.amos@wylietexas.gov.

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